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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS SESSION
HELD FROM 1 TO 12 DECEMBER 1997

1. At its 54th meeting, on 1 December 1997, the Preparatory Committee decided to conduct its work through the following working groups: Working Group on Definitions and Elements of Crimes (chaired by Mr. Adriaan Bos); Working Group on General Principles of Criminal Law (chaired by Mr. Per Saland); Working Group on Procedural Matters (chaired by Ms. Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi); Working Group on International Cooperation and Judicial Assistance (chaired by Mr. Pieter Kruger); and Working Group on Penalties (chaired by Mr. Rolf Fife).

2. At its 55th meeting, on 12 December 1997, the Preparatory Committee took note of the reports of the Working Groups mentioned above, which will be annexed to the present document.

3. The Preparatory Committee noted that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 51/207 of 17 December 1996, the Secretary-General had established a trust fund for the participation of the least developed countries in the work of the Preparatory Committee and in the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries. Guidelines have been established for the administration of the Fund. The following Governments have made contributions to the Fund: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Ten States have utilized the Trust Fund to facilitate their participation in the December session. The General Assembly in resolution 51/207 calls upon States to contribute voluntarily to the Trust Fund.

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